

Course Planning Guide – 2020-21 School Year

Anchor Academy

British Columbia Ministry of Education Graduation Requirements

(<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/legislation-policy/public-schools/graduation-requirements>)

In order to meet [graduation requirements](#) and be awarded a British Columbia Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood Diploma), students must earn a minimum of 80 credits (16 of which need to be at the Grade 12 level) and write the Graduation Numeracy (GNA) and Graduation Literacy (GLA) Assessments. The 80 credits must include 52 credits for required courses and a minimum of 28 elective credits.

Required Courses (52 credits)

Credits must be earned in the following subject areas or courses:

- Language Arts 10 (4 credits)
- Language Arts 11 (4 credits)
- English Studies 12 (4 credits)
- Social Studies 10 (4 credits)
- A Social Studies 11 or 12 (4 credits)
- A Mathematics 10 (4 credits)
- A Mathematics 11 or 12 (4 credits)
- Science 10 (4 credits)
- A Science 11 or 12 (4 credits)
- Physical and Health Education 10 (4 credits)
- An Arts Education or an Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies 10, 11, or 12 (4 credits)
- Career Life Education (4 credits)
- Career Life Connections (4 credits)

A list of all courses that may be used to satisfy these requirements is found in the online [Course Registry](#). More information about the Graduation Program can be found in the [Handbook of Procedures for the Graduation Program](#) and the [BC Graduation Program Policy Guide](#).

Electives (minimum of 28 credits)

Elective credits may be from:

- [Ministry-Authorized](#) courses
- [Board/Authority Authorized \(BAA\) courses](#)
- [Post-Secondary Dual-Credit courses](#)
- [External Credentials](#)
- [Independent Directed Studies](#)
- [Equivalency](#)
- [Challenge](#)
- (but not Locally Developed or modified courses with X codes).

Once the credits for required courses have been met, additional courses in that subject area count as elective credits.

Work Experience: If a student volunteers or is paid for work and wants to gain Work Experience in a career field, he/she must first speak with the High School Vice Principal about receiving credit for Work Experience 12A (100 hours) and 12B (another 100 hours). These courses need to be set up before a student may start their work placement, as *Anchor Academy* is unable to grant credit after the fact.

Independent Directed Studies (IDS): If a student would like to learn about something that does not currently exist as a course, he/she has an option to work with an *Anchor Academy* teacher to build a specialized course as an Independent Directed Study (IDS).

External credits: For students involved in extra-curricular clubs and lessons, external high school credit may be available. For example, if a student is involved in Royal Conservatory Music, 4H, Lifeguarding, etc. he/she could receive course credit. Please note, that because these are external courses (delivered and assessed outside of *Anchor Academy*), there is no government funding available for them.

Provincial Graduation Assessments

In addition to the course requirements, students must also complete three new graduation assessments. The provincial assessments will focus on the demonstration and application of numeracy and literacy. More detailed information and ways to prepare for the assessments can be found at <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/provincial-assessment>.

- The new Grade 10 Graduation Numeracy Assessment was introduced in 2018/19.
- The new Grade 10 Graduation Literacy Assessment was introduced in 2019/20.
- The new Grade 12 Graduation Literacy Assessment will be introduced in 2020/21.

Implementation for Students During Transition

Students in Grade 10 in the 2020/21 school year write...
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2020/21 (Grade 10) – Numeracy 10 and Literacy 10 Assessments• 2021/22 (Grade 11) – No assessments• 2022/23 (Grade 12) – Literacy 12 Assessment
Students in Grade 11 in the 2020/21 school year write...
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2020/21 (Grade 11) – Numeracy 10 and Literacy 10 Assessments (if not already written)• 2021/22 (Grade 12) – Literacy 12 Assessment
Students in Grade 12 in the 2020/21 school year write...
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2020/21 (Grade 12) – Literacy 12 Assessment + Numeracy 10 Assessment (if not already written)

Assessment Schedule

Please see the following website for exam/assessment schedules and information - <https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/>

Please note:

- Assessments must be written at educational institutions (i.e. schools) and supervised by certified teachers or school administrators.
- Students residing within 1.5 hours driving distance to Salmon Arm will write their assessments at the *Anchor Academy* office in Salmon Arm.
- The *Anchor Academy* exam coordinator will support students outside this area to secure exam locations in their regions.
- Students must register at least one month prior to the exam date. See registration details and deadlines below.

Sessions will be held at the *Anchor Academy* office in Salmon Arm on the following dates:

- Nov 2-6 – deadline to register Oct 2
- Jan 25-29 – deadline to register Nov 29
- Apr 12-16 - deadline to register March 9
- June 22-23 – Literacy Assessment 12 only – deadline to register May 22

To register, go to www.ark.net and click on the “For Students” menu. Then click “Exam/Assessment Registration”. The password is “**studysmart**”.

Courses and Scheduling

In grades 10 to 12, subjects are taught by specialist teachers, which means that students will have one teacher for Mathematics and Science and another who specializes in English and Social Studies. Depending on what electives are chosen, students might have other teachers as well. Although this might seem overwhelming at first, it really gives a chance for students to learn from specialists in their fields – teachers who really love and understand the content and are experienced in teaching those courses.

High School students are encouraged to take four courses at a time. These courses are self-paced, so they can start and finish throughout the year. Students are encouraged to complete each course within the semester it is started but can have up to 12 months to complete each course if needed. Second Language is optional, but if students are wanting to go to university, it is highly recommended.

Some helpful websites in course planning

- http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/DownloadAsset?assetId=93705AB338C64DA498B49F68B9124C24&filename=grad_planner.pdf
- <http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/graduation/docs/ataglance.pdf>
- <http://www.educationplanner.ca>
- <https://www.workbc.ca/>
- <https://www.postsecondarybc.ca/>

Below is a sample schedule of what courses to take each year. It is merely a suggestion as students can often take any course during any year, unless it has a prerequisite like Math or

English. The chart contains the minimum number of courses a student needs to complete in order to graduate. Students are welcome and encouraged to take more. It is advisable to review the post-secondary program the student is planning to attend and ensure that all the necessary prerequisites are completed in high school. Depending on the student's choice, the number of electives in each grade level may vary.

Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
English Language Arts 10 -Choice of two 2-credit courses	English Language Arts 11 -Choice of one 4-credit course	English Studies 12
Mathematics 10 -See choices	Mathematics 11 -See choices	Career Life Connections
Social Studies 10	A Social Studies 11 or 12 -See choices	Elective 12
Science 10	A Science 11 -See choices	Elective 12
Physical and Health Education 10	Elective 10, 11, 12	Elective 12
Career Life Education	Elective 10, 11, 12	Elective 10, 11, 12 *Choose a Bible course if not already taken
Arts Education -OR- Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies	Elective 10, 11, 12	

***NOTE:** All full-time students must take at least one Bible course in Grade 10, 11, or 12 in order to graduate from *Anchor Academy*.

Graduation Requirements: Dogwood Diploma			
	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Required: minimum 52 credits			
English Language Arts	Choose two 2-credit courses: <input type="checkbox"/> Composition 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Writing 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Literary Studies 10 <input type="checkbox"/> New Media 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Spoken Language 10	Choose one 4-credit course: <input type="checkbox"/> Composition 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Creative Writing 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Literary Studies 11 <input type="checkbox"/> New Media 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Spoken Language 11	Required 4-credit course: <input type="checkbox"/> English Studies 12
Mathematics	Choose one 4-credit course: <input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of Mathematics and Pre-calculus 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Workplace Mathematics 10	Choose one 4-credit course: <i>(Grade 11 or Grade 12)</i> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of Mathematics 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Foundations of Mathematics 12 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-calculus 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Apprenticeship Mathematics 12 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Workplace Mathematics 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-calculus 12 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Calculus 12 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Geometry 12 </div>	
Science	Required 4-credit course: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Science 10	Choose one 4-credit course: <i>(Grade 11 or Grade 12)</i> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Physics 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Physics 12 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Life Sciences 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Anatomy and Physiology 12 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry 12 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Earth Sciences 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Specialized Science 12 </div>	
Social Studies	Required 4-credit course: <input type="checkbox"/> Social Studies 10	Choose one 4-credit course: <i>(Grade 11 or Grade 12)</i> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Comparative Cultures 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Comparative World Religions 12 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Human Geography 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Geography 12 </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century World History 12 </div>	
Arts Education and/or ADST	Choose 4 credits at either the <i>Grade 10, 11, or 12 level</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Arts Education and/or <input type="checkbox"/> Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies (ADST)		
Career Education	Required 8 credits in Career Education <input type="checkbox"/> Career-Life Education <input type="checkbox"/> Career-Life Connections		
Physical and Health Education	Required 4-credit course: <input type="checkbox"/> Physical and Health Education 10		
Electives: minimum 28 credits NOTE: Students graduating from <i>Anchor Academy</i> are required to take at least one Bible course in Grade 10, 11, or 12			
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Of the 80 total credits needed to graduate, 16 of them need to be at the Grade 12 level (this includes the required English Studies 12 course)			
Graduation Program Assessments			
Required for Graduation	<input type="checkbox"/> Numeracy 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Literacy 10		<input type="checkbox"/> Literacy 12

Courses offered by *Anchor Academy*

Information on the overall purpose, intention, and goals of each course is available on the [BC Ministry of Education curriculum website](#).

Course descriptions can be found in the [Anchor Academy Grades 10-12 Course Descriptions](#).

- All courses are 4 credits unless otherwise noted

Many *Anchor Academy* courses are now available in paper or on-line formats. Most of our high school courses have standard resources that are mailed to the student from *Anchor Academy* (at no charge to the family). If different resources are desired, please contact the course teacher. If approved, the teacher will order the material. There may be an additional cost for materials that are not normally stocked through *Anchor Academy*.

English Language Arts		
Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Composition 10 (2 credits) Creative Writing 10 (2 credits) Literary Studies 10 (2 credits) New Media 10 (2 credits) Spoken Language 10 (2 credits)	Composition 11 Creative Writing 11 Literary Studies 11 New Media 11 Spoken Language 11	English Studies 12* <small>Required 4-credit course</small> <u>Electives:</u> Creative Writing 12 Literary Studies 12 Spoken Language 12
Mathematics		
Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Foundations of Mathematics and Pre-calculus 10 Workplace Mathematics 10	Foundations of Mathematics 11 Pre-calculus 11 Workplace Mathematics 11	Apprenticeship Mathematics 12 Calculus 12 Foundations of Mathematics 12 Pre-calculus 12 Geometry 12
Science		
Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Science 10	Chemistry 11 Earth Science 11 Life Science 11 Physics 11	Anatomy and Physiology 12 Chemistry 12 Physics 12 Specialized Science 12
Social Studies		
Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12

Social Studies 10		20 th Century World History 12 Comparative Cultures 12 Comparative World Religions 12 Human Geography 12 Physical Geography 12
Second Language		
Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Core French 10 German 10 Spanish 10	Core French 11 Core French Introductory 11 German 11 German Introductory 11 Spanish 11 Spanish Introductory 11	Core French 12 German 12 Spanish 12
Arts Education		
Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Dance Foundations 10 Drama 10 Choral Music <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concert Choir 10 Chamber Choir 10 Vocal Jazz 10 Instrumental Music 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guitar 10 Concert Band 10 Orchestra 10 Jazz Band 10 Contemporary Music 10 Art Studio 10 Musical Theatre 10	Dance Foundations 11 Drama 11 Choral Music 11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concert Choir 11 Chamber Choir 11 Vocal Jazz 11 Instrumental Music 11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guitar 11 Concert Band 11 Orchestra 11 Jazz Band 11 Contemporary Music 11 Art Studio 11 Photography 11 Musical Theatre 11	Dance Foundations 12 Drama 12 Choral Music 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concert Choir 12 Chamber Choir 12 Vocal Jazz 12 Instrumental Music 12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Guitar 12 Concert Band 12 Orchestra 12 Jazz Band 12 Contemporary Music 12 Art Studio 12 Photography 12 Musical Theatre 12
Applied Design Skills and Technologies		
Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Entrepreneurship and Marketing 10 Culinary Arts 10 Food Studies 10 Computer Studies 10 Web Development 10 Power Technology 10	Marketing and Promotion 11 Culinary Arts 11 Food Studies 11 Textiles 11 Computer Information Systems 11 Electronics 11	Economics 12 Culinary Arts 12 Food Studies 12 Textiles 12 Digital Media Development 12
Physical and Health Education		
Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Physical and Health Education 10	Active Living 11	Active Living 12

	Outdoor Education 11	Outdoor Education 12
Career Education		
Career-Life Education Career-Life Connections (includes Capstone and 30 hours of work experience or career-life exploration)		
Work Experience and Apprenticeship Training		
<u>Ministry Authority:</u> Work Experience 12A Work Experience 12B Workforce Training Certificates 12		
<u>ITA Authority:</u> Youth Work in Trades 11 (formerly Secondary School Apprenticeship) Youth Work in Trades 12 (formerly Secondary School Apprenticeship)		
Board/Authority Authorized (BAA) courses		
<u>Bible courses</u> New Testament Studies 10 Old Testament Studies 10 Biblical Worldview Thinking 11 Missions 11: Discipleship through Missions (includes an <i>Anchor Academy</i> Mission Trip to Kona, Hawaii in co-operation with YWAM ships) New Testament Church History 11 Genesis and Revelation 12 Life of Christ 12 Missions 12: Global Citizens (includes an <i>Anchor Academy</i> Mission Trip to Kenya, Africa in co-operation with Relief and Support Services Canada)		
<u>Other BAA courses</u> Introduction to Sociology 12		